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A Thai Lullaby

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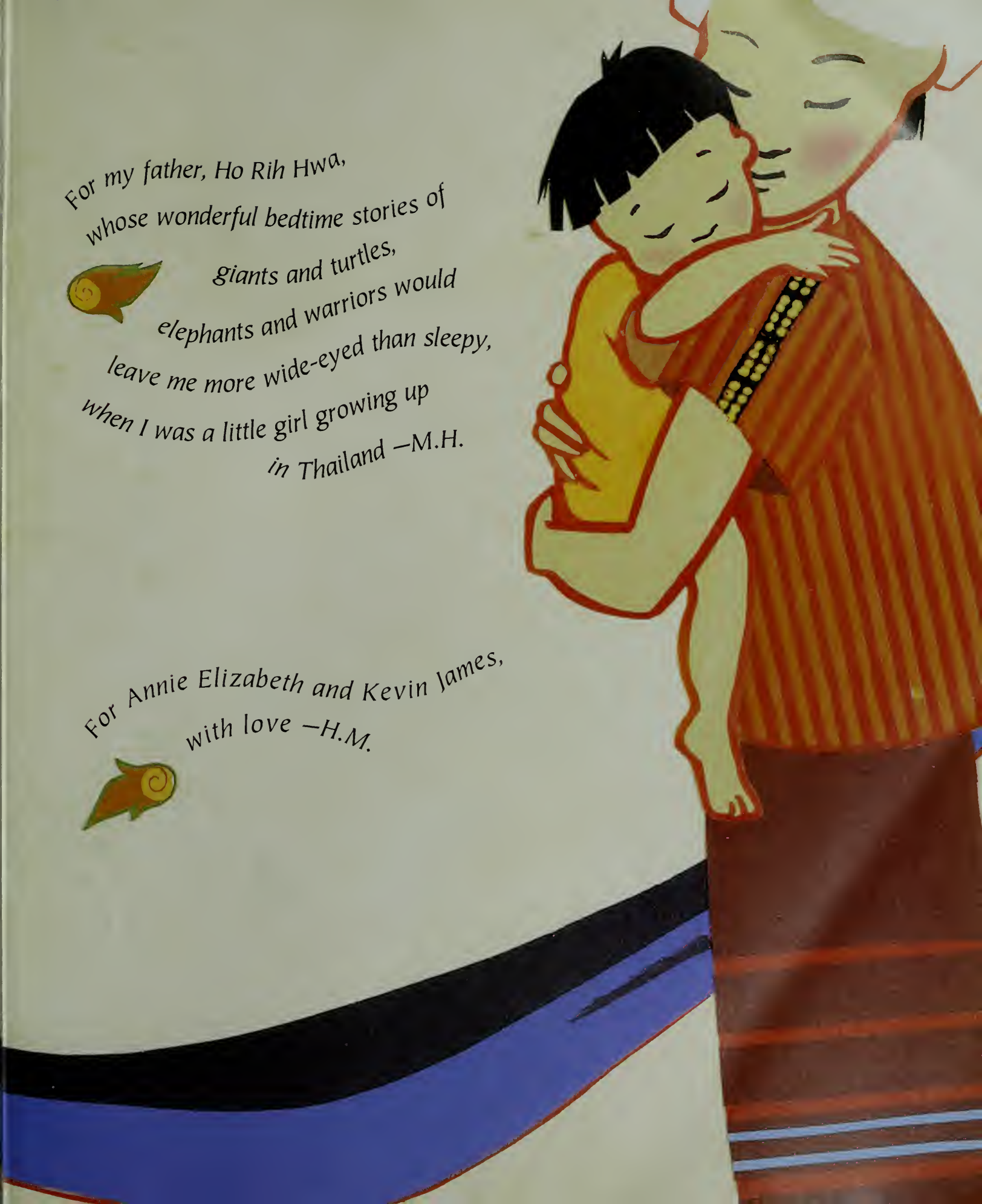
For my father, Ho Rih Hwa,
whose wonderful bedtime stories of
giants and turtles,
elephants and warriors would
leave me more wide-eyed than sleepy,
when I was a little girl growing up
in Thailand —M.H.

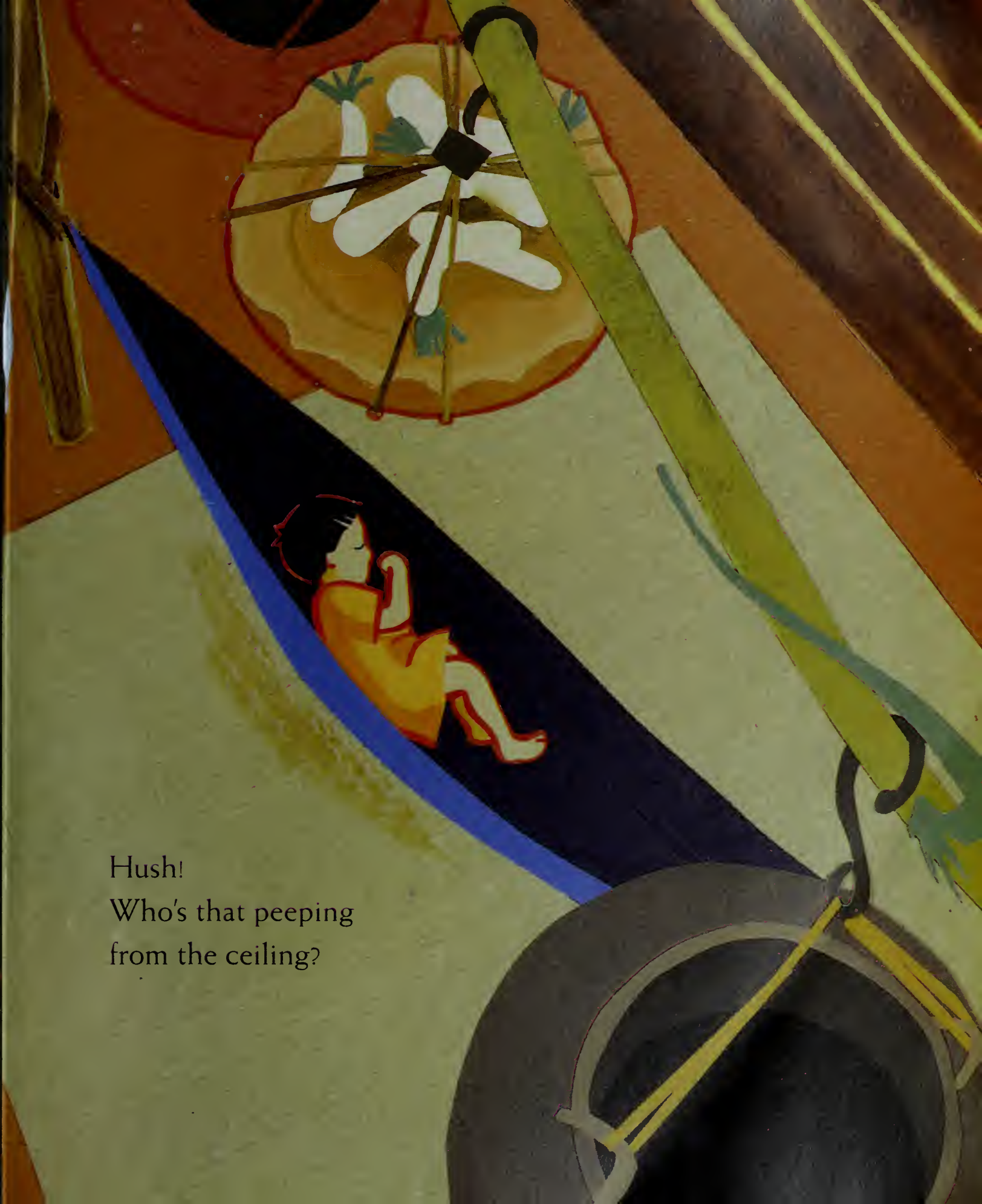
For Annie Elizabeth and Kevin James,
with love —H.M.



Hush!
Who's that weeping
in the wind?

"Wee-wee, Wee-wee,"
A small mosquito.

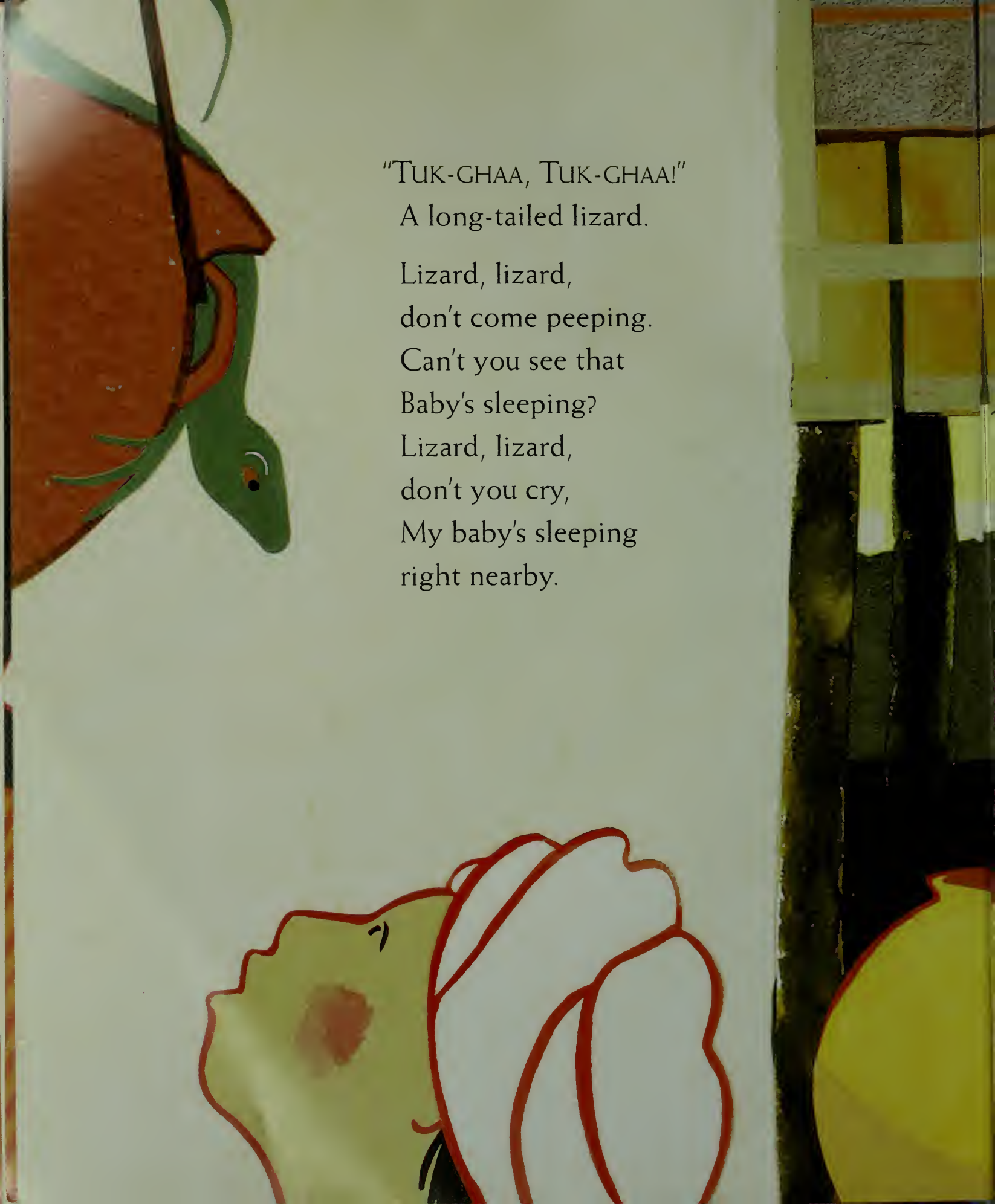
Mosquito, mosquito,
don't come weeping.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?
Mosquito, mosquito,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.

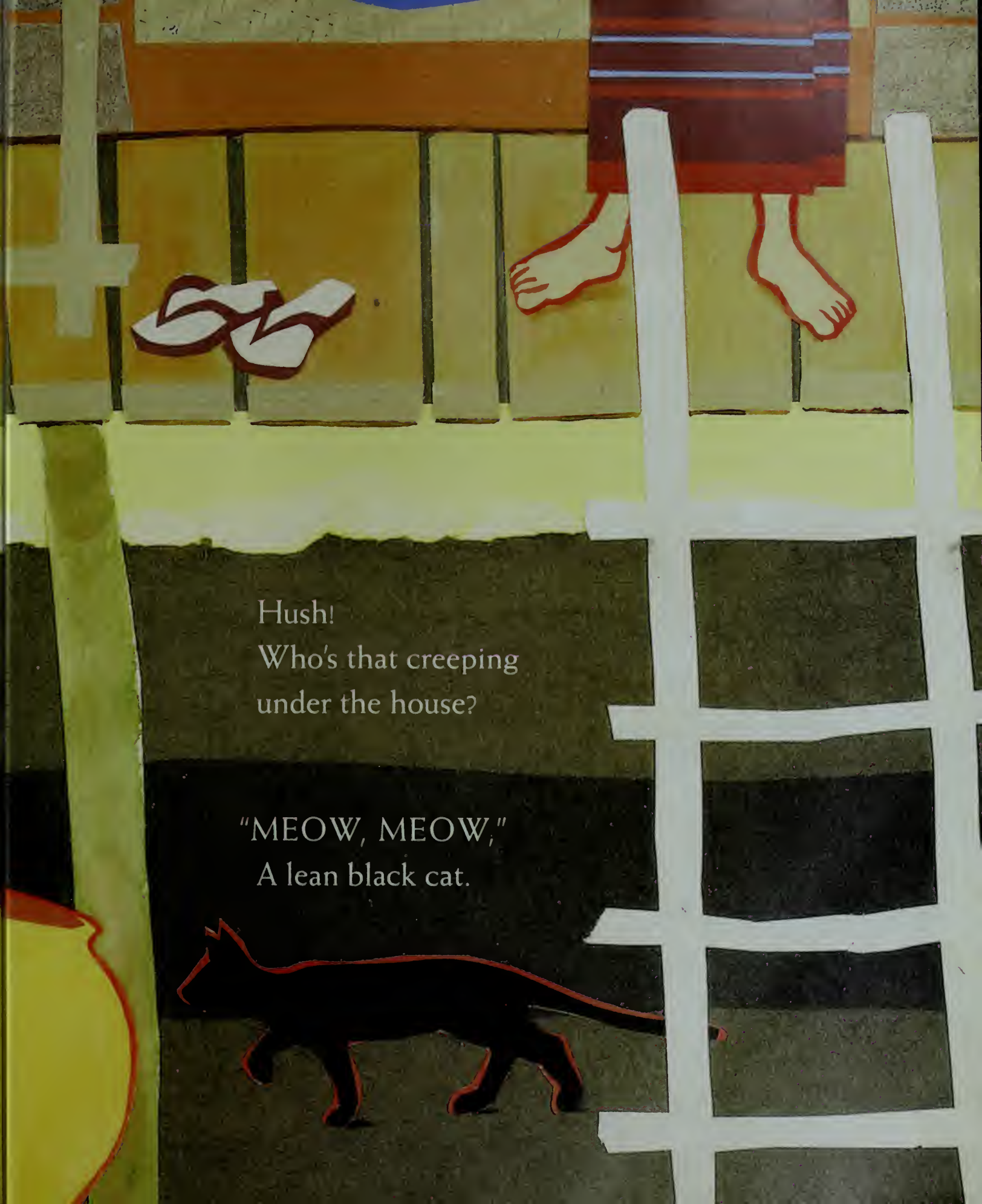


Hush!
Who's that peeping
from the ceiling?

"TUK-GHAA, TUK-GHAA!"
A long-tailed lizard.

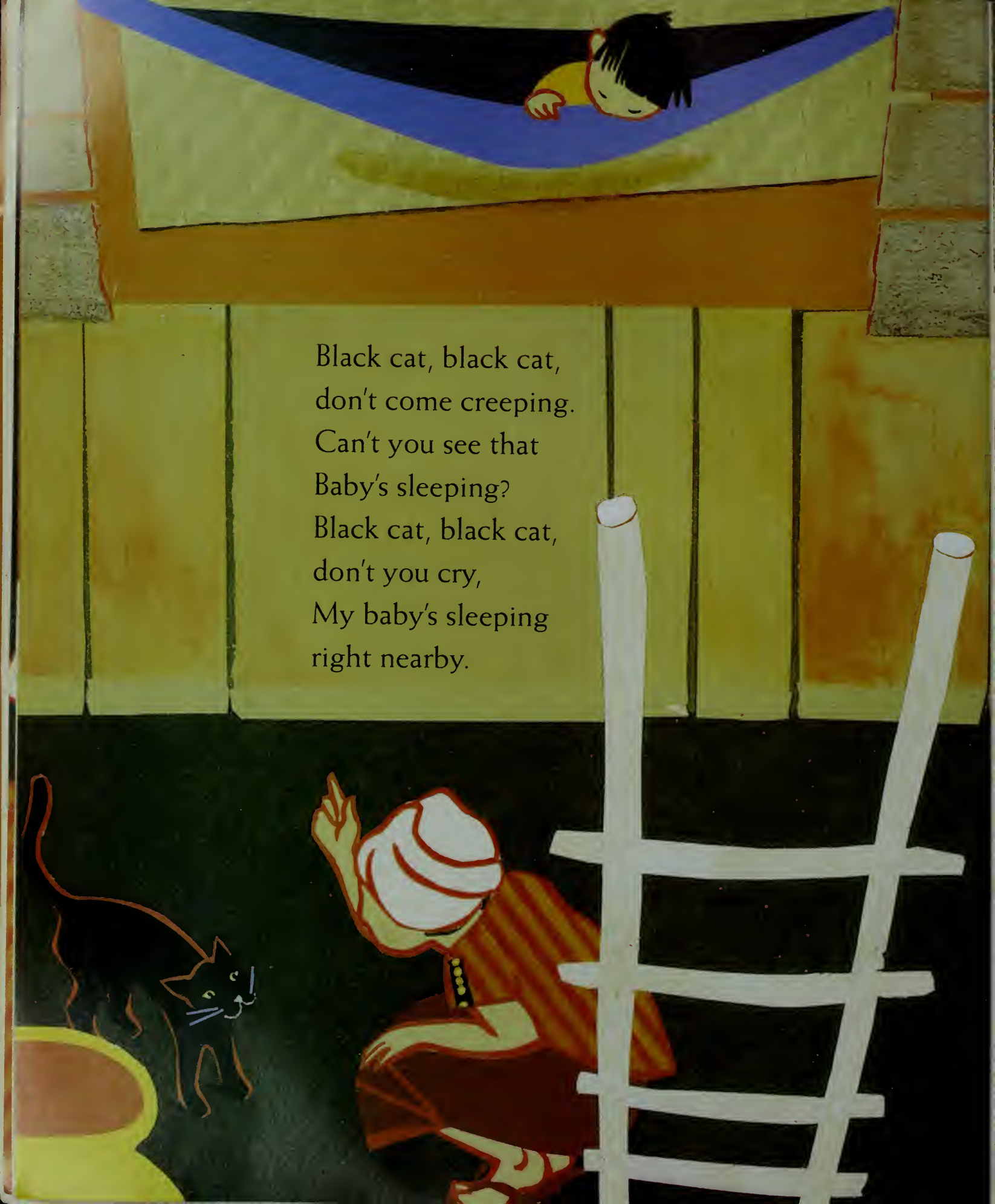
Lizard, lizard,
don't come peeping.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?
Lizard, lizard,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.



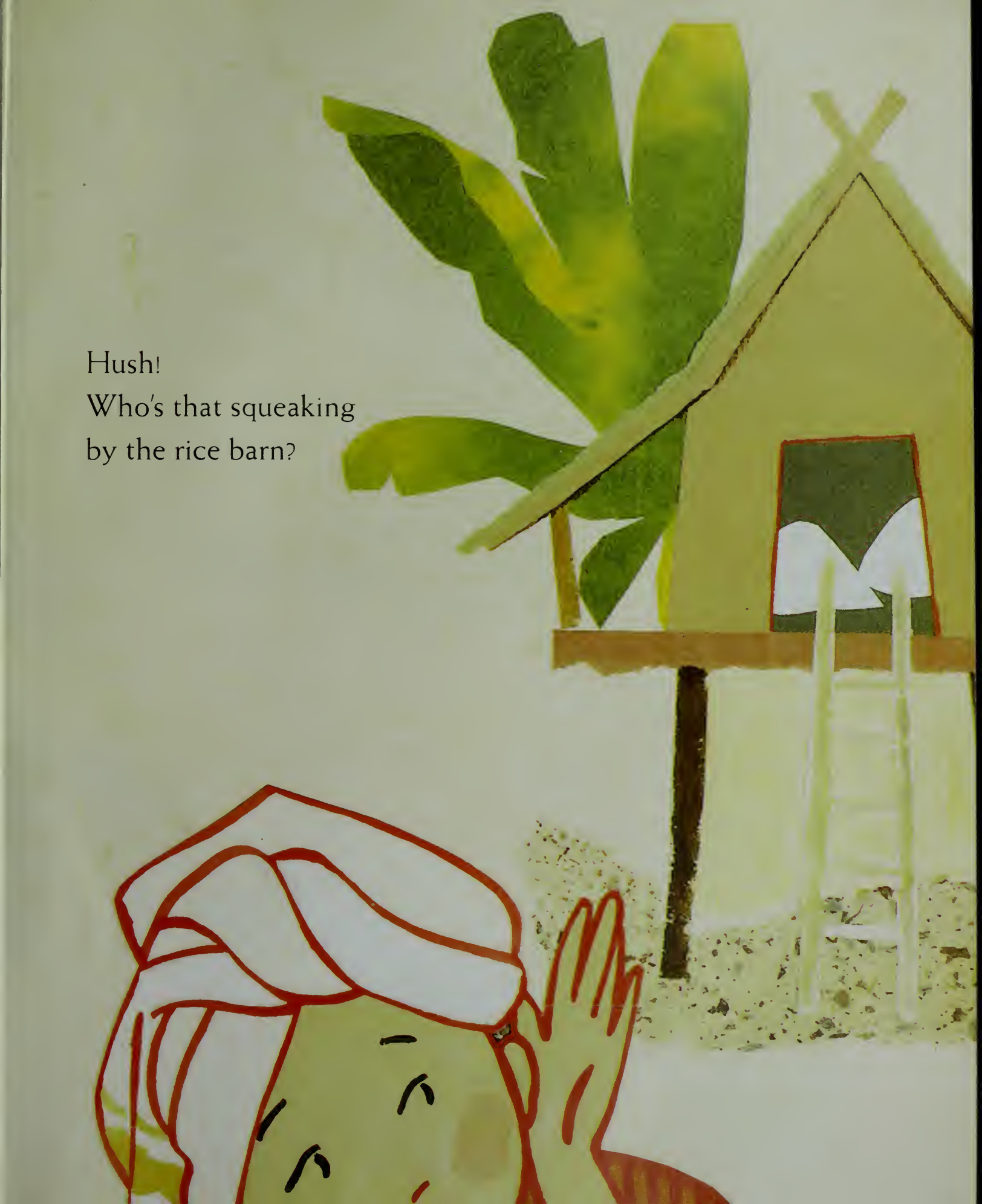


Hush!
Who's that creeping
under the house?

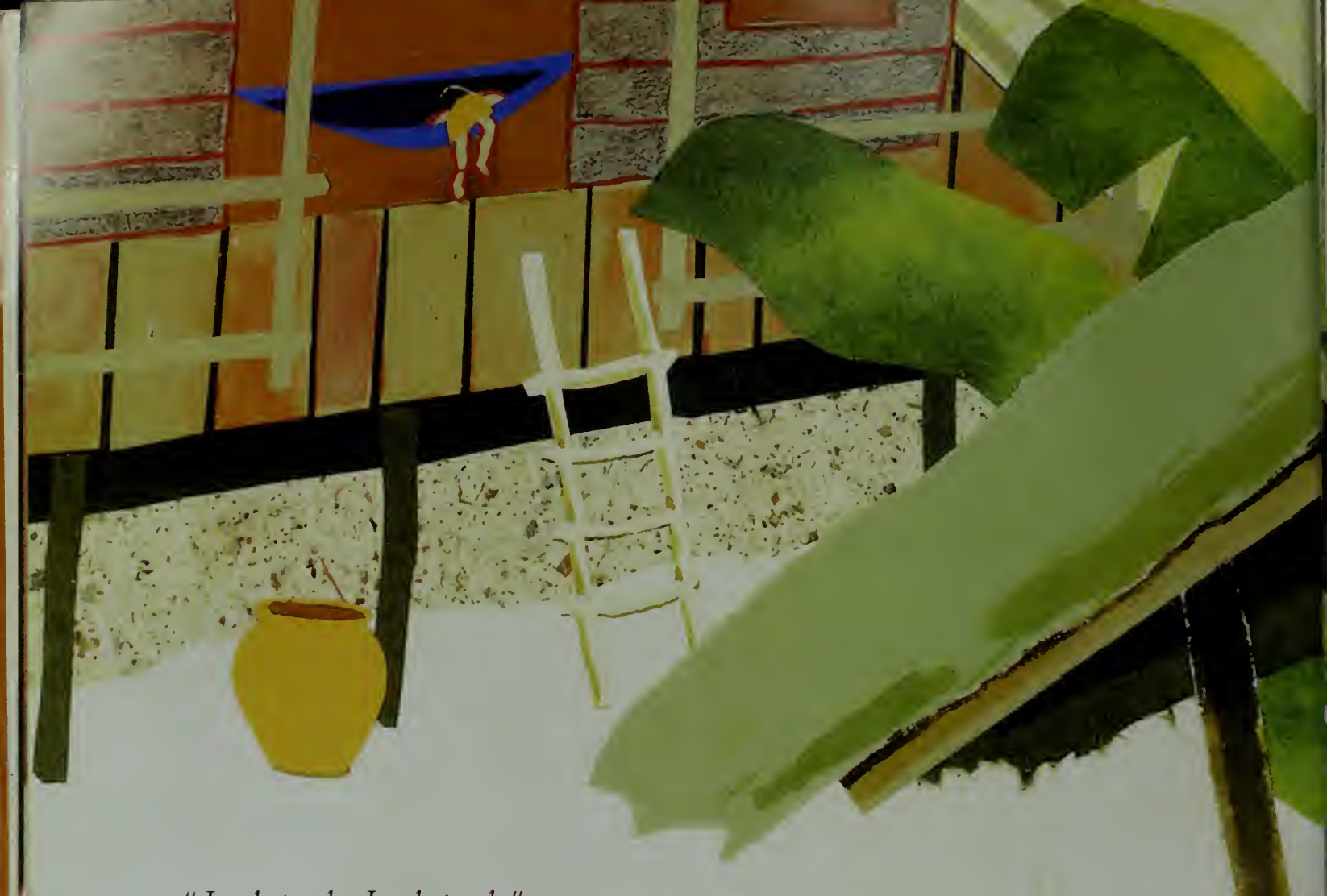
"MEOW, MEOW,"
A lean black cat.



Black cat, black cat,
don't come creeping.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?
Black cat, black cat,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.



Hush!
Who's that squeaking
by the rice barn?



"Jeed-jeed, Jeed-jeed,"
A fat gray mouse.

Gray mouse, gray mouse,
don't come squeaking.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?
Gray mouse, gray mouse,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.

"Op-op, Op-op,"
A bright green frog.

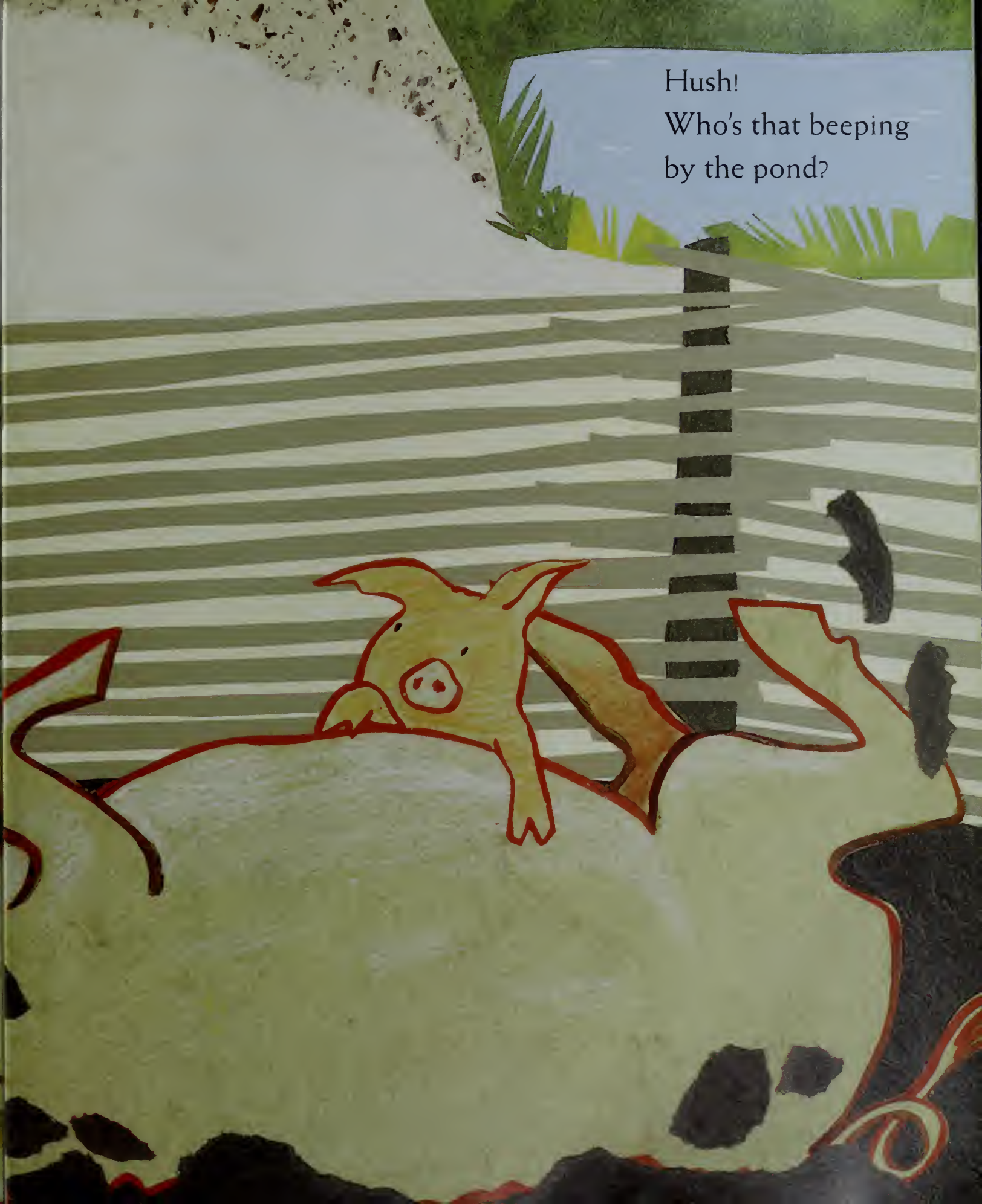
Green frog, green frog,
don't come leaping.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?

Green frog, green frog,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.

Hush!
Who's that sniffling
in the sty?

"Uut-uut, Uut-uut,"
A muddy fat pig.

Fat pig, fat pig,
don't come sniffling.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?
Fat pig, fat pig,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.


Hush!
Who's that beeping
by the pond?

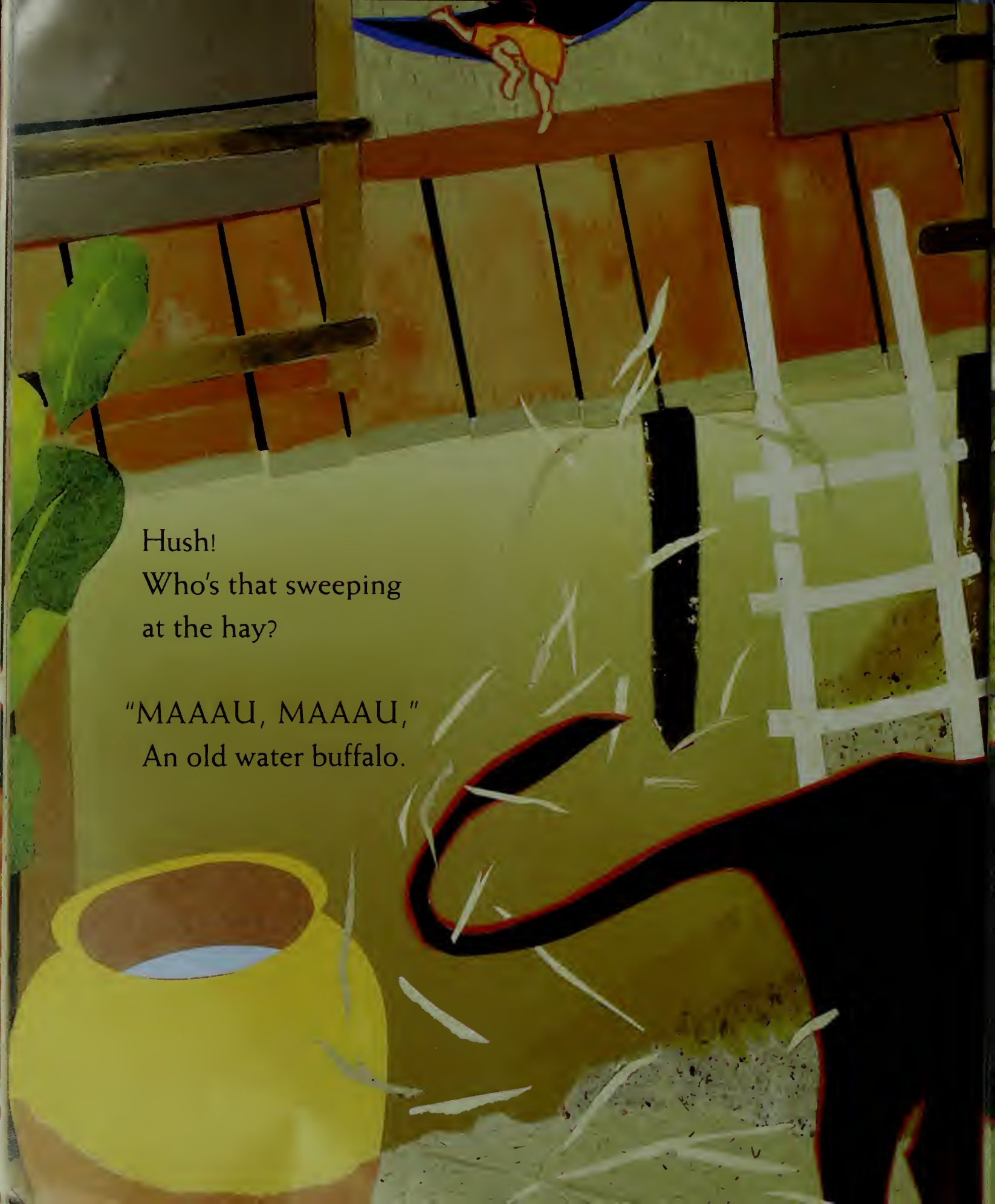
"Ghap-ghap, Ghap-ghap,"
A glossy white duck.

White duck, white duck,
don't come beeping.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?
White duck, white duck,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.

Hush!
Who's that swinging
from the trees?

"Jiak-jiak! Jiak-jiak!"
A loose-limbed monkey.

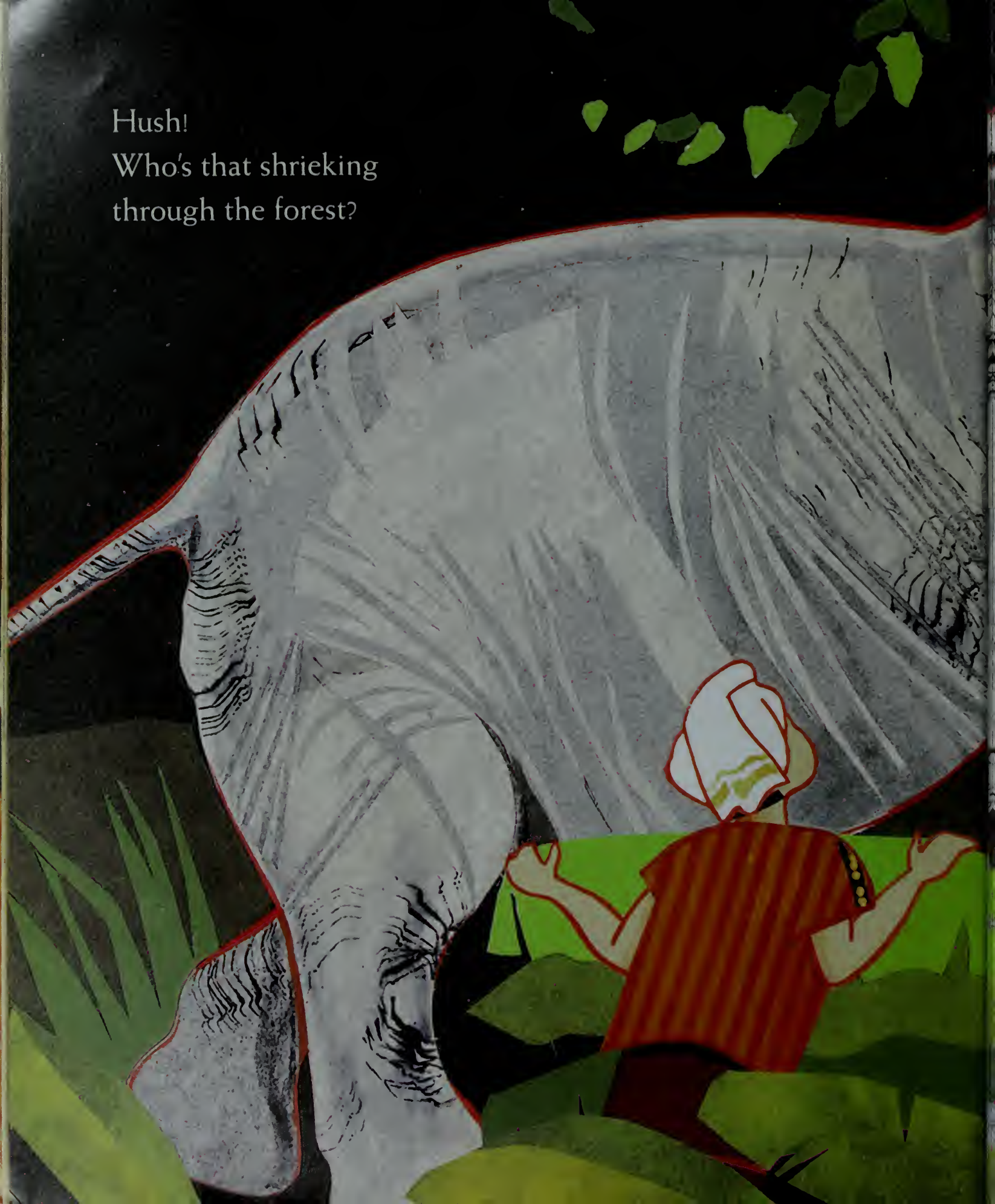
Monkey, monkey,
don't come swinging.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?
Monkey, monkey,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.



Hush!
Who's that sweeping
at the hay?

"MAAAU, MAAAU,"
An old water buffalo.

Buffalo, buffalo,
don't come sweeping.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?
Buffalo, buffalo,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.


Hush!
Who's that shrieking
through the forest?

"HOOM-PRAAA!
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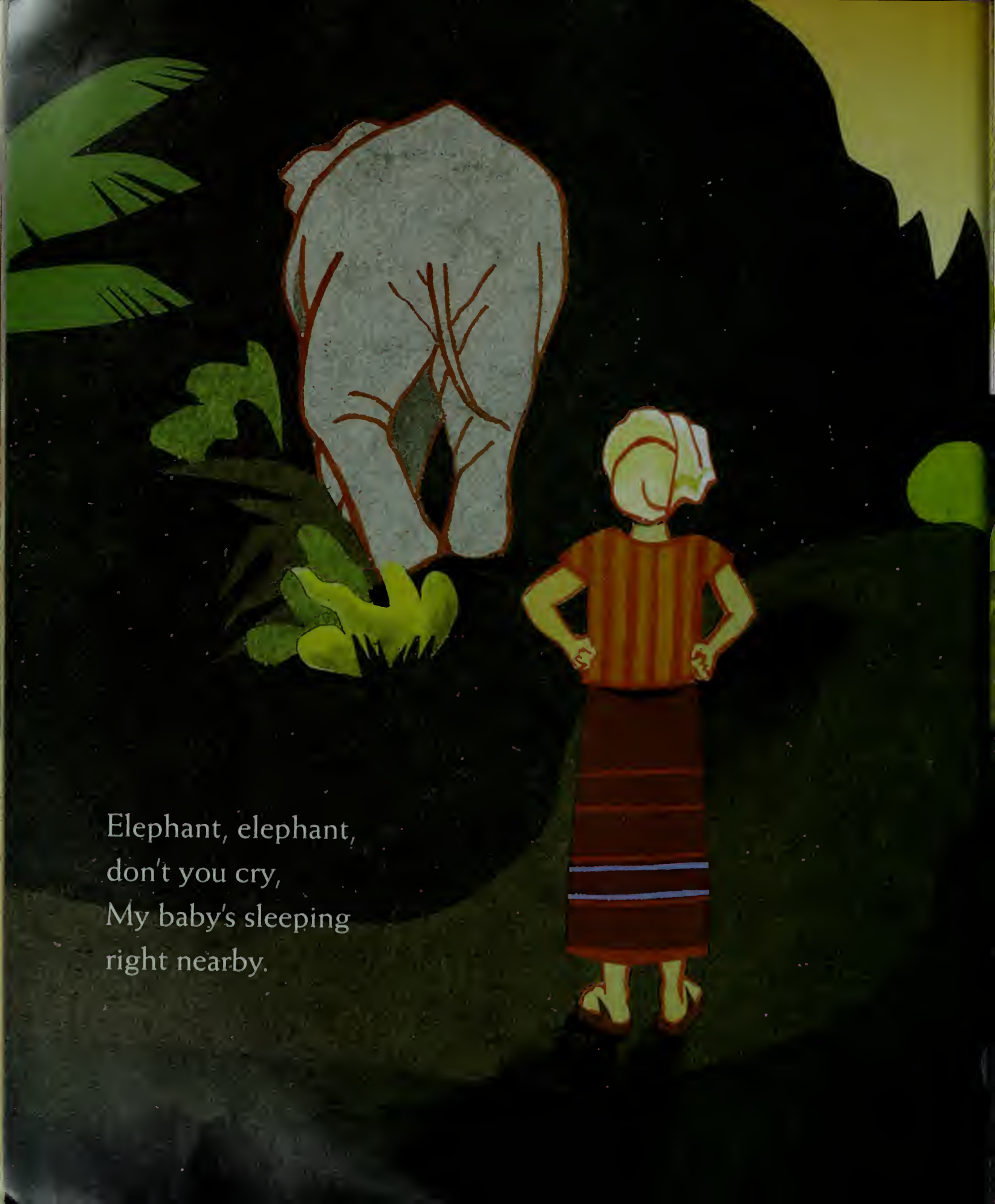
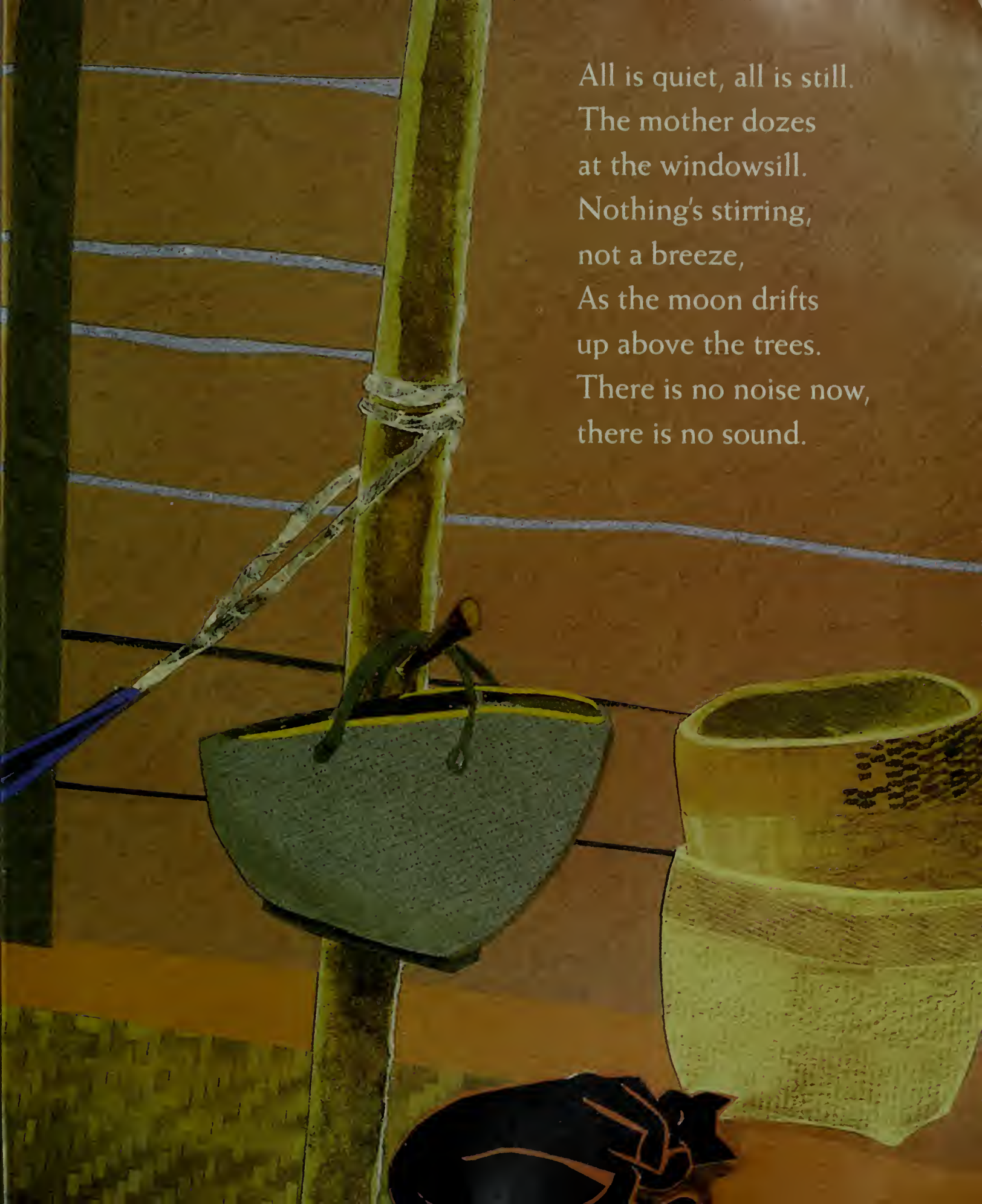
A great big elephant.

Elephant, elephant,
don't come shrieking.
Can't you see that
Baby's sleeping?



Elephant, elephant,
don't you cry,
My baby's sleeping
right nearby.

Hush!
Is everyone asleep?



All is quiet, all is still.
The mother dozes
at the windowsill.
Nothing's stirring,
not a breeze,
As the moon drifts
up above the trees.
There is no noise now,
there is no sound.

Only Baby's wide awake,
his eyes bright and round.

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